

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as shown below:

A method and apparatus for connecting two pipe ends is provided. The apparatus includes a housing, a first chamber contained within the housing and configured to allow a pipe to slide through it, a second chamber contained within the housing and configured to allow an end of a pipe to ~~side~~ slide through it, and a third chamber contained within the housing and configured to attach to an end of a second pipe. The method includes sliding a first pipe through a slip joint adapter, positioning the slip joint adapter to the desired location on the first pipe; and attaching the slip joint adapter to an end of a second pipe.